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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PERSONAL FAREWELL MESSAGE TO  
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM  
THE SECRETARY TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT:

DEAR HELMUT:

I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE WARM AND GRACIOUS  
SENTIMENTS YOU EXPRESSED IN YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 24.  
I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I, TOO, HAVE VALUED OUR  
RELATIONSHIP, WHICH I BELIEVE MIRRORS IN ITS OWN WAY THE  
WARMTH AND VITALITY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES. I HAVE APPRECIATED NOT ONLY YOUR SUPPORT AND  
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STEADFASTNESS WHEN THERE WERE SERIOUS CHALLENGES TO FACE,  
BUT ALSO YOUR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE US THE BENEFIT OF YOUR  
ADVICE-- AND ON OCCASION, CRITICISM--ALWAYS OFFERED IN A  
SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND A DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL. THE FREE  
WORLD HAS BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAD THE BENEFIT OF YOUR  
LEADERSHIP AND COUNSEL DURING THE RECENT PERIOD OF ECONOMIC  
RECESSION. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I AM STORING AWAY ALL

THE ECONOMIC EXPERTISE I HAVE ABSORBED FROM YOU. WHO KNOWS, IT MAY COME IN HANDY AGAIN SOMEDAY.

I AM LEAVING PUBLIC OFFICE WHILE YOU HAVE JUST BEGUN A NEW FOUR-YEAR TERM AS CHANCELLOR. AS I BEGIN TO WITHDRAW FROM THE IMMEDIATE PRESSURES AND CARES OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, I FIND MYSELF REFLECTING MORE AND MORE ON THE BASIC STRENGTHS AND ASSETS WHICH THE WESTERN ALLIANCE POSSESSES TO ENABLE US TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF COMMUNISM AND OF THE THIRD WORLD'S DESIRE FOR CHANGE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF OUR COLLECTIVE ABILITY TO PERSEVERE IN POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF GREAT POSITIVE BENEFIT TO MANKIND.

NO MATTER HOW FREQUENTLY OR INFREQUENTLY WE MEET IN THE FUTURE, I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THE SPIRIT IN WHICH WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER IN A NOBLE CAUSE.

WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER"  
KISSINGER

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